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Dear Nanacy Rumrill,

I have lived in Kaanapali for 23 years. I have seen the growth explode over the last five years. Our waste treatment is getting smelly from the road, just driving by the pump stations in Wiaokuli and the entrance of the Kaanapali Resort is enough to make you gasp and eyes tier. There has been problems with this in years past. But it is really the worst I have encountered right now. This is with tourism down about 40%. What would happen if all the rooms were full! In the past it has been shortly admitted that maintenance because of lack of funds to pay employees was the culprit. With a new approach to water treatment, this could be a very good quick fix to the problem. There seems to be more funds available for new projects as opposed to daily chores. I have for years walked along the beach between Puukolii Road and The Embassy Suites, and during the winter time you can smell a slight sewage kind of smell coming from the sand along the waterline. This area is directly downhill from the sewage plant. There is a new Resort built on the land between the sewage plant and the beach that has a slight sewage smell in the wet sand. This is where they expect their guests to go swimming. Something I would never do! When the guests at this Resort experience what I have during the winter rains, the Resort will get complaints, then the Resort will have a reputation of being in the wrong spot for beach fun. Then the owners will sell or go after the government to fix it. So as far as I can see, the problem can be addressed now or through some lawsuit down the road. And you will have been forewarned. Not good. Let's do the right thing. Is that so hard? Thank you for your efforts, Sharon Benoit